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Note: See [] POWs Involved in Movement of Industrial Equipment to Siberia, and Soviet Oriental Troops in Siberia.)

- Compulsory labor, including millions (?) of war prisoners of various nationalities, is being used in the construction of railways of the Baikal-Amur Magistral and the Baikal-Okhotsk Magistral [] construction and plans for railroads in Siberia.) German POWs are working mostly in the Bodaibo (114-15, 57-60) and Ekimchan (132-58, 53-05) areas. This use of compulsory labor represents the work of "Dalstroi", famous MVD building organization which uses compulsory labor.
- A chain of air bases is under construction along these railways.
- Cadres of laborers are building airports, barracks and other accommodations for various types (unstated) of troops in the following areas: Chukhotak (Bering) Peninsula, Kamohetka, Kuriles, Sakhalin Island, and the shore line down to Vladivostok and Posiette (130-57, 42-42) near the Korean Border.
- Most of the technicians, engineers, mechanics and qualified workers being repatriated from Shanghai have been designated for this work (paragraph 3). (See previous reports on Soviet Repatriation).

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